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JUNE 2011 CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Month

This month is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. LGBT Pride Month is significant as it marks the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion in New York City. The Stonewall Rebellion is historically significant as it is the first time in history sexual minorities fought for equality against police raids. The Stonewall Rebellion is often considered the pivotal beginning of the modern LGBT movement in the United States.

Since that time, LGBT communities internationally have organized celebrations, marches, and other activities in commemoration of the Stonewall Rebellion. Some of the early marches took place in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and New York City. Today, one of the largest celebrations of LGBT Pride is in San Francisco, California with an estimated 1.2 million people attending annually. Join in celebrating and paying tribute to the contributions LGBT individuals have made to American history, society, and culture. To aid in your search for 2011 LGBT Pride activities, I have listed a few of the many events occurring around California below.

Events & Activities

- *A Worldwide List of Gay Pride Events Held from Mid- to Late June*
- *Sacramento Pride. June 4, 10am*
- *Sonoma County Pride, June 4, 11am*
- *Los Angeles Pride. June 10-12, 2011*
- *Antelope Valley Pride 2011 (Palmdale, CA) June 18, 2011, 11am*

- *San Francisco Pride 2011, June 25-26*
- *Hollywood Youth Pride 2011 (Los Angeles, CA) July 10, 2011, 2pm*
- *San Diego LGBT Pride. July 15 - 17*
- *Orange County Pride (Irvine, CA) August 13, 2011, 12pm*
- *San Jose Pride Festival, August 20 - 21*

Flag Day

Join me in celebrating Flag Day on Jun 14, 2011. This day commemorates and the adoption of the first United States flag the "Stars and Stripes," or "Old Glory." According to some accounts, George Washington commissioned seamstress Betsy Ross to create the national flag.

On June 14, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson by proclamation established National Flag Day. Many Americans continue to celebrate Flag

Day by displaying the Stars and Stripes in front of their homes and businesses. For information about Flag Day, please visit the links below.

Information

- *The National Flag Day Foundation*
- *The Flag of the United States of America*
- *Today in History: Flag Day - Library of Congress*
- *Celebrate Flag Day*

Juneteenth

I am pleased to highlight Juneteenth activities throughout the month. Juneteenth, also known as "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day" is the oldest celebration memorializing the ending of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth is a celebration that began in Galveston, Texas, commemorating the arrival of General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865. Granger carried with him General Order No. 3 which announced the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing slaves who had not been informed of the signing for two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been in effect. Juneteenth is a time to pay tribute to the contributions African-Americans have made to America.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated and recognized as a state holiday in 37 states, including California. Our state began to officially observe Juneteenth in 2002 under Governor Gray Davis. For information on Juneteenth, or events happening this month, please visit the links below.

Events & Activities

- *National Juneteenth Observance Foundation - California Current Events*
- *Sacramento's 10th Annual Juneteenth Celebration. June 17 - 18, 2011*
- *African American Community Service Agency - San Jose Juneteenth in the Park Festival. (San Jose, CA) June 18 -19, 2011*
- *Juneteenth Celebration 2011 (Moreno Valley, CA) June 19, 2011, 1pm*
- *2011 Berkeley Juneteenth Festival June 26, 2011, 10am*